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FROM: IRP/ Naples **DRP 1910** DATE OF REPORT 9 May 1955

SUBJECT IDENTIFYING DATA

CLASS **ESCAPEE** IRP CONTROL NO. **Naples - 29954** FAMILY GROUP NO.'S **29955 - 29956**

NAME (SURNAME) **FANKA,** (FIRST NAME) **Theodor** (MIDDLE NAME) **(NIL)** (NICK) (NICK) SEX **Male**

ALIASES **None** PRESENT NATIONALITY **Albanian**

DATE OF BIRTH (DAY) (MONTH) (YEAR) **14 August 1910** PLACE OF BIRTH (CITY) (COUNTRY) **Tirana, Albania**

ACCOMPANYING MINORS (NO SEPARATE REPORT PREPARED)

NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	IRP CONTROL NUMBER
<del>FANKA, Theodor</del>	<del>Male</del>	<del>1 Jan. 1955</del>	<del>Rome, Italy</del>	<del>29956</del>

A. RECORDS CHECKS

	RESULT	DATE		RESULT	DATE
U.S. RECORDS CHECK	NR	4 Nov 55	Casellario Giudiziale of Rome	NR	10 June 55
U.S. RESIDENCE - INS	-	-	Procura of Rome	NR	8 June 55
U.S. RESIDENCE - "B"	-	-	Procura of Rome	NR	8 June 55
OTHER CONSULAR DISTRICT RECORDS			Questura of Rome	R	18 Aug 55
Consular Lookout	NR	9 May 56	" " Bari	R	18 Aug 55
INS Lookout	NR	7 May 56	" " Palermo	R	18 Nov 55
IRP Naples File Check	NR	7 May 56			
Australian Legation	NR	7 May 56			
SIC	NR	11 Nov 55			
SKI	NR	11 Nov 55			
Fingerprint Check	NR	16 Aug 55			
Consular Lookout Palermo	NR	20 July 55			

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B. SPLIT INVESTIGATIONS: I Mistral

C. REMARKS: See investigation in the body of the report. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PARAGRAPH (S)

- 5 Hostage
- 8 Political

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NAME

FARKA, Ibrahim

IRP CONTROL NO.

Naples - 9954

SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

\* FRESI, Nicolari

DETAILS:

1. In Personal Interview SUBJECT declared that he was born on 18 August 1910 at Tirana, Albania. In support of this statement SUBJECT submitted to this office a notarized document in lieu of a birth certificate issued on 18 February 1956 in Rome. The questuras listed under Item A of IRP-10A disclosed no information in contradiction to SUBJECT's statement made in interview, or in personal documents.

2. The notarized document, referred to above, appears to substantiate SUBJECT's statement, made in interview, that he is the son of Handi FARKA and Qamile FARKA nee \*FRESI. The questuras listed under Item A of IRP-10A disclosed no information in contradiction to SUBJECT's statement made in interview, or in personal documents.

3. SUBJECT stated, in Personal interview, that he married Nora \*BOTTINI on 31 July 1954 and that they have one child. A marriage certificate issued by the Comune of Rome on 8 June 1955 and family status certificate issued by Comune of Rome on 1 February 1956, appear to verify SUBJECT's statement made in interview.

4. SUBJECT appears to be an Albanian national. No information is available which would indicate that he ever had any other nationality.

5. During personal interview SUBJECT stated that the following relatives still reside in Albania:

FARKA, Qamile; mother; (date of birth unknown) at Tirana, Albania; presently living in Tirana.

\* OKILLIASHI, Enise; sister; born 1914 at Tirana, Albania; presently living in Tirana.

6. In Personal Interview SUBJECT stated he had resided and travelled and was occupied as indicated below:

(a) Birth to November 1921 - Tirana, Albania; SUBJECT attended the American elementary school, run by the American Red Cross here.

(b) November 1921 to June 1925 - American International College, Monte Mario, Rome, Italy. SUBJECT attended high school here.

(c) June 1925 to April 1926 - Tirana, Albania. SUBJECT returned home at this time to help his widowed mother on the family's farms.

(d) April 1926 to April 1939 - Albanian Army - Tirana, Albania. SUBJECT entered Albanian Military School here in April 1926 and was promoted to Lieutenant in the heavy Artillery Corps in 1928.

(e) April 1939 to April 1941 - Verace, Yugoslavia. SUBJECT and a group of 180 Albanian officers walked towards Yugoslav border with the intention of forming an Army and chasing the Fascists from their country. They crossed Albanian-Yugoslav frontier at Debar and surrendered to the Yugoslav Army.

(f) April 1941 to November 1944 at Tirana, Albania. SUBJECT fought Germans in Albania during this period.

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PARKA, Ibrahim

IRP CONTROL NO.

Naples - 29954

SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

PANEL, Korçelari

DETAILS:

6. (g) November 1944 to April 1945 - URSULA Refugee Camp, Bari, Italy. SUBJECT left Antivari, Albania, with a group of Albanians and arrived in Bari, Italy, on 21 November 1944. He was sent to above camp.

(h) April 1945 to October 1945 - 48 Via Collina, Rome, Italy.

(i) October 1945 to November 1949 - 154 Via Sicilia, Rome, Italy.

(j) November 1949 to January 1951 - Palermo, Italy. SUBJECT visited Palermo.

(k) Month of May 1951 - Hotel Continental, Istanbul, Turkey. SUBJECT went to Istanbul to recruit free Albanians for Albanian Army.

(l) January 1951 to December 1953 - Via Toscana, Rome, Italy.

(m) December 1953 to date - 17/3 Via Sirtò, Rome, Italy.

7. Local investigation disclosed no adverse information concerning SUBJECT's health.

8. SUBJECT declared during personal interview that from April 1926 to April 1939 he was an officer in the Albanian Army, serving in Tirana with the 1st Artillery Battalion of the Royal Guard. From 1941 to November 1944 SUBJECT fought as a civilian in the Nationalist Army led by General ABAL KUPI against the Germans and later against Communists.

The Questuras of Palermo and Bari reveal no information concerning SUBJECT's military service. The Questura of Rome reveals SUBJECT was in military service, but does not indicate where or with what army.

9. SUBJECT stated that while in Albania and Yugoslavia he had never joined any political party; that since 1949 he had been a member of the LIDHJA KOMBETARE SHQYPTARE KAFUNDARVE\* (National League of Peasants and Farmers); that he has been a constant anti-Communist, and did not return to Albania because of fear of imprisonment and death for having fought against the Communists.

The Questuras of Palermo and Bari did not develop any information relative to SUBJECT's political history. The Questura of Rome reported that SUBJECT did not desire to return to Albania for political reasons; and that he does not interest himself in politics. This Questura further reported that SUBJECT had never been a member of or sympathetic to any political party or movement.

\*Information available to this office indicates that this was a resistance group in Albania (anti-Communist, anti-Axis) during World War II (1943 - 1944). It was officially organized in 1949, in Italy, under its present title. This group took part in the National Committee for a Free Albania, as a resistance group, however, and not as a political party, until 27 April 1956, when the Committee was dissolved.

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FARKA, Ibrahim

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IRP CONTROL NO.

Sayles - 20954

SPONSOR(S) (NAME AND ADDRESS)

Pratt, Kokalari

DETAILS:

10. During Personal Interview SUBJECT asserted that since 1949 he had been a member of the KOMITETI KOMBETAR SHQIPTARJE DITAS\* (National Committee for a Free Albania) which was, allegedly, an anti-Communist, pro-western, Albanian group with headquarters in Rome.

\*Information available to this office indicates that this Committee was dissolved 27 April 1956.

The posturas of Bari and Palermo disclosed no information regarding SUBJECT's organizational membership. The postura of Rome reported that SUBJECT was not a member of any labor union and had never been enrolled in any organizations, associations, societies or clubs.

11. In Personal Interview SUBJECT stated that he had never been arrested. The posturas of Palermo, Bari and Rome reveal that SUBJECT has no penal record within their respective jurisdictions.

12. In Personal Interview SUBJECT stated that he attended high school at the American International College, Monte Mario, Rome, Italy, and two years of Albanian military school in Tirana, Albania, in 1928.

The posturas of Bari, Palermo and Rome reveal no information regarding SUBJECT's educational background.

13. In Personal Interview SUBJECT stated that he is a glass/mirror worker.

14. DS-538 - Report of Investigation from ISB/Istanbul, reveals the following:

\*Investigation in Turkey revealed that:

\*FARKA, Ibrahim, ex-1st Lieutenant in former King Zog's Albanian Army, was in Istanbul during the month of May 1951.

\*While in Turkey he attempted to organize a local branch of an Albanian anti-Communist Party which has its seat in Rome, Italy. He also was trying to assemble a membership for the prospective branch in Turkey.

\*Police files and Consular files had no derogatory information on SUBJECT.

Operations Memorandum from American Embassy, Belgrade, received at this office on 18 August 1956 states: "No record".

15. All of the statements attributed to SUBJECT in this report were made in interview conducted on 12 May 1955 by H. Malolatesi who stated that SUBJECT was cooperative during interview and appeared to have no obvious physical defects.

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